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10/21/11****North Delta Conservancy Wood Duck Nesting Box Program wins  
“Outstanding Environmental Project Award”**

Congratulations to the North Delta Conservancy for winning an “Outstanding Environmental Project Award” for their Wood Duck Nesting Box Program. The award was presented at the Tenth Biennial State of the Estuary Conference in Oakland on September 21<sup>st</sup> 2011, hosted by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership. The Delta Protection Commission had nominated the Conservancy for this award.

The Wood Duck Nesting Box Program involves installing nesting boxes on poles that are just large enough for a Wood Duck hen to enter and produce offspring. Nearly 300 boxes have been placed on private land throughout the north Delta as well as on the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. To date, over 17,000 ducklings have hatched, helping to stabilize populations.

The boxes are monitored and maintained by local volunteers. On average the process requires 40 hours of volunteer labor/week for the 5 month monitoring period, totally over 800 hours of volunteer labor per year.

The “Outstanding Environmental Project Award” is awarded to projects that meet the criteria from the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP), a blueprint for restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the Bay-Delta Estuary and its watershed. The CCMP was developed by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, one of 28 estuary programs in the National Estuary Program. More information about the award program can be found at: [www.sfestuary.org/soe2011/soe\\_award\\_oep.html](http://www.sfestuary.org/soe2011/soe_award_oep.html).

To learn more about the Wood Duck Nesting Box Program please contact John Erickson at (916) 421-8732.